

# WestConnect Overview

**Bob Smith**  
**WestConnect Steering Committee Chair**

**Order 1000 Stakeholder Meeting**  
**Denver, CO**  
**October 24, 2011**



# WestConnect

- Executed Restated MOU Among Transmission Owners (TOs) in the Western Grid – Effective January, 2007
- Purposes:
  - Continue investigation of feasibility of cost-effective wholesale market enhancements
  - Work cooperatively with other Western Grid Organizations and market participants
  - Address seams issues in appropriate forums

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## WestConnect MOU Membership

**Arizona Public Service**

**El Paso Electric**

**Imperial Irrigation District**

**NV Energy**

**Public Service Colorado**

**Public Service New Mexico**

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District**

**Salt River Project**

**Southwest Transmission Cooperative**

**Transmission Agency of Northern California**

**Tri-State G & T Association**

**Tucson Electric Power**

**Western Area Power Administration**

- Rocky Mountain Region
- Desert Southwest Region
- Sierra Nevada Region
- CRSP Management Office

**TOTALS Jan. 2010**

**46,000 MW of Load**

**33,000 Miles of Transmission Line**

**7.0 Million Retail Customers Served**

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# WestConnect Steering Committee Members

APS	Bob Smith – Chair
EPE	Dennis Malone
IID	Steve Keene
NV Energy	Vince Goicoechea
Xcel/PSCO	Joe Taylor
PNM	Greg Miller
SMUD	Vicken Kasarjian
SRP	John Underhill
SWTC	Jim Burson
TANC	Brian Griess
TSGT	Doug Reese
TEP	Bill Darmitzel
WAPA	Mike McElhany

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# WestConnect Planning

- Executed WestConnect Project Agreement for Subregional Transmission Planning– Effective May 23, 2007
- Purposes:
  - Oversee subregional planning process carried out in CCPG, SSPG and SWAT
  - Develop Annual WestConnect Transmission Plan Report
  - Processes are Order 890 Compliant

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## WestConnect Planning Participants

**Arizona Public Service**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative**

**Black Hills - Colorado**

**El Paso Electric**

**Imperial Irrigation District**

**NV Energy**

**Platte River Power Authority  
(Effective January, 2012)**

**Public Service Colorado**

**Public Service New Mexico**

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District**

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**Southwest Transmission Cooperative**

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## Today's Agenda

### Overview Presentations:

- FERC Role
- Existing WECC Planning Processes
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- FERC Order 1000 Requirements

Stakeholder Discussion of Order 1000  
Issues/Requirements

Breakout Group determinations of direction & initial  
conclusions

Wrap up and Next Steps